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The following guidelines may be helpful:

Contact several attorneys, brief describe the nature of the services you desire, and find out the attorney's qualifications and experience. Ask for a written schedule of fees charged for the services you need. Do not turn over documents or funds until you are certain the attorney understands your legal needs and will handle your case.

If you cannot afford an attorney, Public Solicitor, Mr. Jacob Kausiama may be able to assist you. The telephone number is (678) 23450 and fax (678) 23451.

Email: [jkausiama@vanuatu.gov.vu](mailto:jkausiama@vanuatu.gov.vu)

When dealing with your attorney find out how the attorney plans to represent you. Ask specific questions and expect the attorney to explain the legal process and the legal activities planned on your behalf, in a language you understand. Have your attorney analyze your case and give you the positive and negative aspects and probable outcome. Tell the attorney every relevant fact needed to represent your interest.

Ask your attorney to keep you advised of the progress on your case accordingly to a pre-established schedule. Request copies of all letters and documents prepared on your behalf.

If the services of your attorney prove unsatisfactory or if require additional attorneys you may call Mr. Julis Ozol the President of the Vanuatu Law Society on Telephone (678) 26740; Fax (678) 26742

To obtain an attorney in the United States or in another country, check The Lawyer's List website on [www.thelawyerslist.net](http://www.thelawyerslist.net) or at Text-Only Guide to Martindale\_Hubbell's site at [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com)

### **Port Vila**

#### **HUDSON & SUGDEN**

First Floor, Lolam House, Lini Highway (in the main street, next to the Post Officer PO Box 7, Port Vila, Vanuatu

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Main fields of practice: **Commercial, Property, Litigation, General**

Firm Services: Notary

Firm Members: D.N. Hudson

Languages: English and French

Firm Associates: R.E. SUGDEN & M.N.F Patterson

Note: *Firm represents number of private US clients / Pepsi, INTEL*

**RIDGWAY BLAKE LAWYERS**

First Bank Building, Rue Emile Mercet, P.O. Box 1272, Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu  
Tel: (678) 27222; Fax: (678) 27223; Email: [vanlaw@ridgwayblake.com.vu](mailto:vanlaw@ridgwayblake.com.vu)

Main fields of practice: **Offshore Finance Matters, Insurance and Commercial Transactional work, shipping, aircraft sales, acquisitions and financing, maritime, company and family Law, General Practice including women's issues**

Firm Services: Translators, court reporter/stenographer and notary (No but we can arrange)

Firm Members: Garry Blake and Nigel Morrison

Languages: English, French and Bislama (National language)

Firm Associates: Jennifer La'au and Evelyn Robert.

**Note:** *We also run cases in Santo and if required will travel to other Islands depending on needs and the case.*

Note: *We acted for the Millennium Challenge Corporation*

**GEOFFREY GEE AND PARTNERS**

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Tel: (678) 22067; Fax: (678) 23710, Email: [geoffgee@ggp.com.vu](mailto:geoffgee@ggp.com.vu)

Main field of practice: **Commercial, Litigation, Criminal and General**

Firm Services: None

Firm Members: John Malcolm and Geoffrey Gee

Languages: English, French and Bislama (National language)

Firm Associate: Dane Thornburgh

Note: *The firm represents agency work for banks and law firms and can practice outside of local area.*

**JURIS OZOLS & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEY**

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Tel: (678) 26740; Fax: (678) 26742; Email: [ozols@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:ozols@vanuatu.com.vu)

Main fields of practice: Commercial and Litigious work

Firm Services: Translators and notary

Languages: English, some French, Latvian and Bislama (National language)